

F-4-48
Highland School
Myersville vicinity
Private

Ca. 1852

The Highland School is a one-story brick schoolhouse built about 1852 which was converted to residential use about 1942. It has a gable facade with double entrances and a semi-circular window above a porch added after its residential remodeling. The standing seam metal roof has a patch near the west end which was the location of a cupola. Among the seven outbuildings east of the structure is a frame privy with german siding, which probably dates from about 1900. The other outbuildings are related to its domestic use. The school was built as Highland District School No. 99 and appears on both the 1858 and 1873 maps of Frederick County. Its simple architecture is a result of traditional school design in the 1850's period and of the often concurrent membership of school and church building committees, which produced religious and educational structures with similar designs. The school closed in 1931 when consolidation with the Myersville and Wolfsville schools took place.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Education/School/Schoolhouse

Know Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Highland School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10539 Highland School Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Myersville ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Prudence M. Owen

street & number P.O. Box 3532 telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code Md. 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1375

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 395

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-4-48

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The Highland School is a one-story brick schoolhouse built about 1852 and converted to residential use about 1942 which is located on the east side of Highland School Road at the intersection of Crow Rock Road near Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The building has a gable facade with a one-story porch facing west toward the road. Seven outbuildings are located east of the building, one of which appears to be a former privy with a shed roof and german siding. This building may date from about 1900. The rest of the outbuildings have composition siding and were probably added to the property since 1942.

The schoolhouse is painted white and the west elevation has two bays with four-panel doors with transoms of four lights in each bay. The one-story porch extends across the entire gable end and was undoubtedly an addition made after its conversion to a residence. The porch platform is concrete and the supporting wood posts are plain. Above the standing seam metal porch roof is a semi-circular fan window. On the other elevations, the stone foundation of the building is visible. The north and south elevations have three bays each, with 3/1 windows, which are replacements of the original sash. The roof of the structure is standing seam metal, and a patched area near the west gable end suggests that a cupola once was located at that point. An interior end brick chimney rises above the east gable end. The east elevation has no openings, but a cellar entrance is located near the southeast corner. The interior of the building was not accessible for this survey. The possible frame privy is located about 50 feet east of the building, behind several of the non-contributing outbuildings. It has a corrugated metal shed roof and german siding, with a single vertical board door in the west elevation.

8. Significance

Survey No.

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates C. 1852 **Builder/Architect**check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Highland School is a good example of an 1850's period rural schoolhouse. It was built about 1852 as Highland District School No. 99 and appears on both the 1858 Isaac Bond and 1873 C. O. Titus Atlas maps of Frederick County. The architectural details are simple, the fan window of the west elevation being the only decorative feature. This semi-circular shape was often part of rural church designs in the Middletown Valley. Since often the members of church building committees also served on similar school building committees, the same aesthetic principles, and undoubtedly the same contractors, were clearly used for the two types of buildings. The Highland School is one of a dwindling number of rural schools in the northern section of the Middletown Valley. The only other identified rural school still standing in the Jackson Election District is a 1912 frame building at Church Hill, which has a distinctly contrasting form including a tower and a hipped roof. The Highland School is similar in form to other 1850's schools such as the Petersville School (F-2-69), a much-altered structure, and the Grove Academy (F-8-90), which has a mostly intact exterior. The Highland School closed in 1931, during a period of school consolidation into the newer schools at Myersville and Wolfsville.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-48

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873
Williams, T.J.C. and Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 861

10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 38, Parcel 93

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date March 1992street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md, 21701

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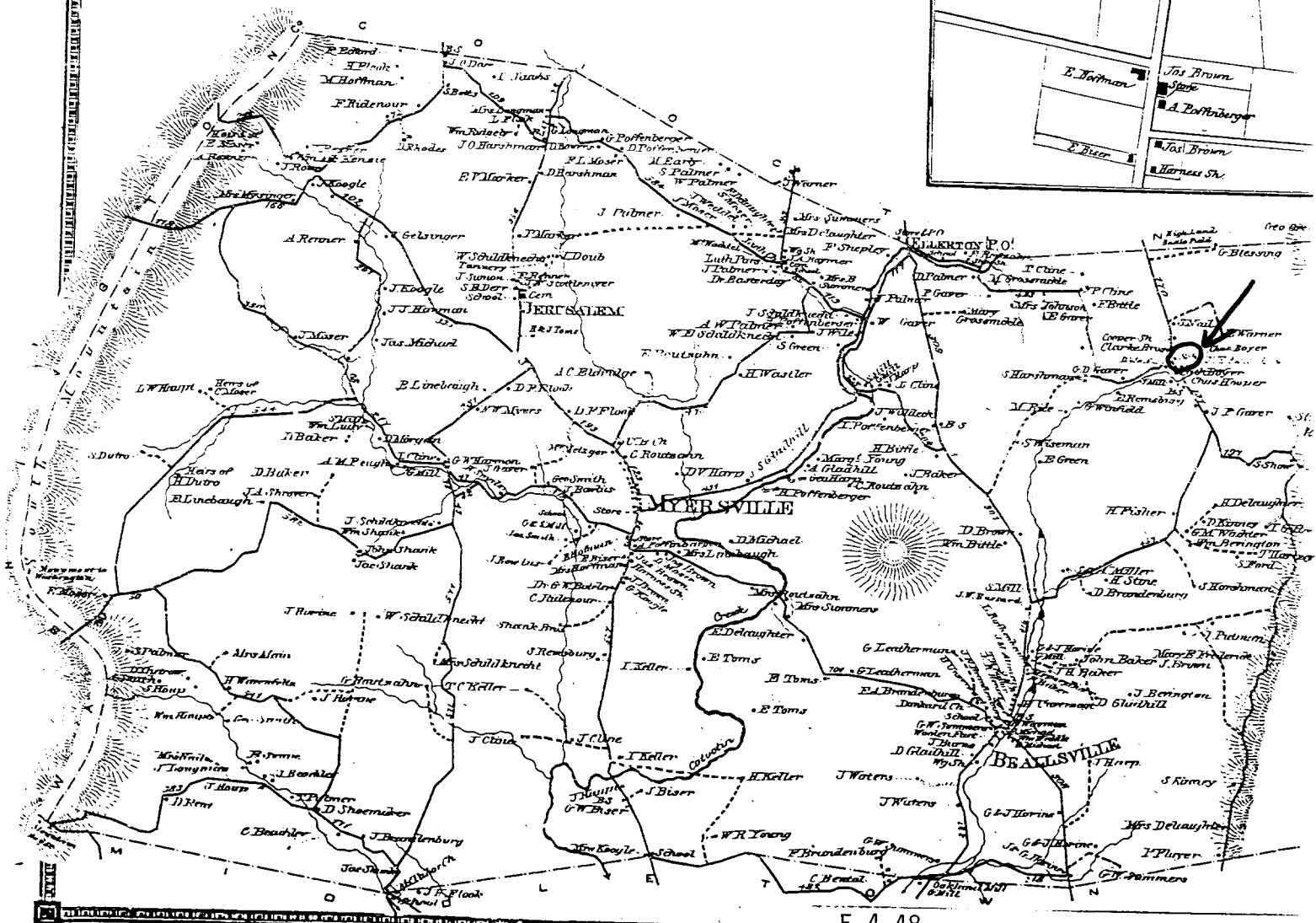
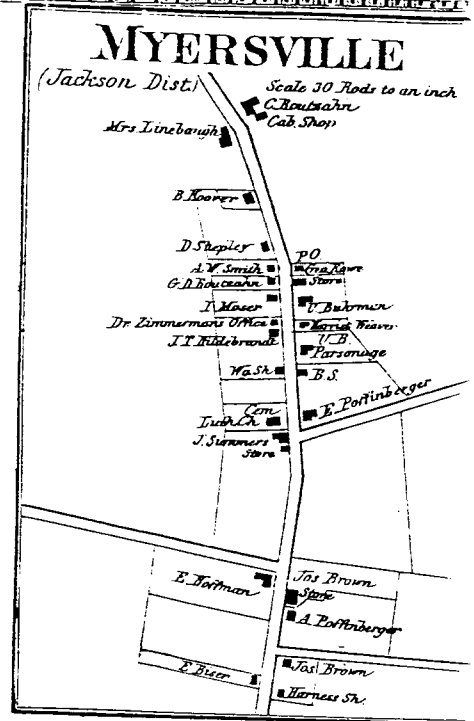
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Highland School 10539 H. Sch. Rd.

LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1375/395 3 Nov. 86	Prudence M. Owen	Doris L. Cline & Janice I. Harshman, pers. reps. of estate of Hilda M. Lewis	P. 1: "Highland School property"	\$59,900	
434/2 4 Apr 42 28 Feb 42	Roger & Hilda Lewis	William A. & Mamie I. Freestone	"Highland School property"	\$300	
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Scale 2 Inches to One Mile



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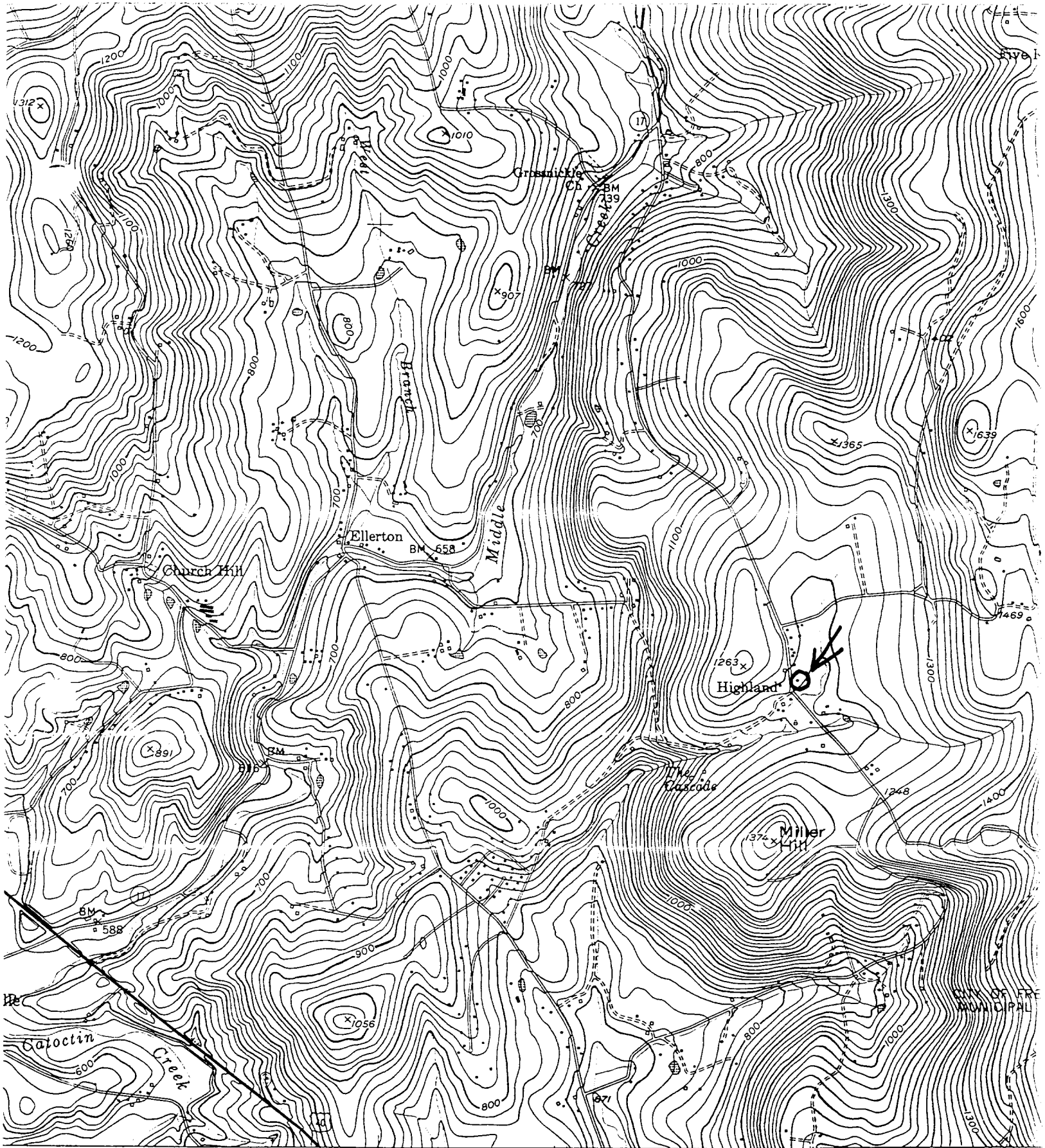
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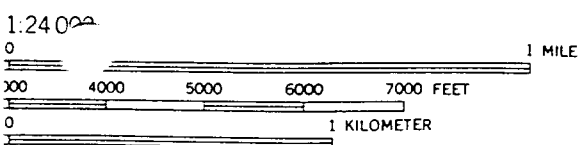
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 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
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F-1-A-19
Highland School
Frederick County
USGS Myersville, Md.
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INTERVAL 20 FEET
VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929





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Highland School

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Photo: Janet Davis

March 1992

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Brown Mills, Md.

Southwest corner view

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Madison School

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

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North elevation

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Highland School

Frederick County

Photo: Ernest Emerson

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Neg. loc. 1000 Super, Crownsville, Md.

Typical cotton buildings including a frame building
left

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